



# MICHIGAN REGION

## News and Notes

November – December 2018

### Upcoming Events

Nov. 3 ~ Caro  
Thumb Network Sonlife  
Discipleship Training

Nov. 6 ~ Burton  
Regional Oversight  
Council Meeting

Nov. 9 ~ Lapeer  
Brown City Camp Board  
Appreciation Dinner

November 22  
Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov. 29 ~ Burton  
Ministry Multiplication  
Team ZOOM Mtg.

Dec. 4 ~ Frankenmuth  
Regional Oversight  
Council and Min. Mult.  
Team Christmas Dinner

December 25  
Merry Christmas!

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1  
Regional Office Closed



### SPECIAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

February 23

**Davison Missionary Church**  
1:00 pm

A special conference will be held Saturday, February 23 at 1:00 pm at the Davison Missionary Church. The purpose of the conference is to elect the next Regional Director of the Michigan Region.

Rev. James Keller, whose term expires June 30, 2019, has chosen not to seek another term. A Special Nominating Committee, appointed by the Regional Oversight Council, has considered more than 15 individuals whose names were offered for the position, then vetted and interviewed potential candidates. The committee has recommended their choice to the Oversight Council who will announce the name after the first of the year.

All Regional ministers, along with lay delegates from this past May's Regional Conference, are eligible to vote February 23. More information will be shared prior to the conference.

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### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES IN TRANSITION

Prayer is requested for the following churches who are seeking pastors:

- Davison (associates)
- Faith, Flint (associate)
- Marquette (senior pastor)
- Midland (senior pastor)
- Walled Lake (sen. pastor)

Rev. Jim (Lois) Jordan began serving as interim pastor at Midland at the end of September. The church board has begun working on the search process for their next pastor.

Rev. Larry VanSlambrook is guest pastor at Walled Lake. The church has a potential pastoral candidate under consideration.

May the Lord bless, lead and guide each of these congregations during their times of transition.

**Allen Road, Taylor**, has voted unanimously to invite Rev. David Kopka to serve as their interim pastor. David is from the East Central Region of the Missionary Church.

**Davison** praises God for excellent children and youth outreaches in October with large numbers in attendance at both events.  
(Rev. Doug Connelly)

**Dayton Heights, Flint**, praises God for several who are preparing to become members of the church.  
(Rev. Don Frey, Interim)

**Faith, Flint**, hosted a Classic Car Show in September with a record number of cars on the church grounds.  
(Rev. Brent Kriesch)

**Fellowship Bible, Brown City**, recently baptized two believers. The church has also launched two small group gatherings this fall.  
(Rev. Dave Engle)

**First, Clarkston**, thanks the Lord for an outstanding Trunk or Treat Night at the church the weekend before Halloween.  
(Rev. Matt Mendenhall)

**New Life, Bay City**, hosted a "Family Night" outreach in a local apartment complex which brought out 65 children and adults for refreshments, inflatable games and a family friendly movie.  
(Rev. Jonathan Boyer)

**Son's Life, Sebewaing**, has launched Savior's Grace Missionary Church in Akron September 30.  
(Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

### PASTORS & SPOUSES' RETREAT

March 1-2  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
Bay City, MI



A 24-hour getaway for couples in ministry along the waterfront of historic downtown Bay City

Cost \$185 per couple  
(due Jan. 8)

Churches are urged to cover the cost for their pastors and spouses.



### OUR VISION

*"Every Church mobilizing believers to intentionally lead people to Christ and make disciple-makers."*

### Vision Impact – On Point

- Every believer a Spirit-empowered follower of Christ
- Every follower of Christ a disciple-maker
- Every church a disciple-making, church planting church